
From: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>
To: Borinsky, Susan <FTA>; Day, Elizabeth <FTA>
Sent: 6/17/2008 1:24:47 PM
Subject: Team Problems - News from the Front

Below is one of the problems I have noted in trying to coordinate with other offices - the person in charge keeps changing. For TPM-20 on Honolulu it goes from Aaron to Tony to Kim. I tried to make Kim the point person, but Aaron injected himself (perhaps because his office seems to be in an ongoing battle with Nadeem in Region 9). His response is equally elusive, alluding to the answer to my question possibly coming from someone else, if it hasn't already, possibly.....

What prompted my question about a cost review is a previous email from the region stating that it appears TPM-20 is going to start the mega-project review soon. No one told me that.

-----Original Message-----

From: James, Aaron <FTA>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 5:53 PM
To: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>; Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>; Nguyen, Kim <FTA>
Cc: Luu, Catherine <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>; Matley, Ted <FTA>; Rogers, Leslie <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>; Zakel, Anthony <FTA>; Day, Elizabeth <FTA>; Ryan, James <FTA>; OConnor, Mike <FTA>; Carranza, Edward <FTA>
Subject: RE: honolulu Status?

Ron:

We will advise on Wednesday, if we haven't already. We had an office retreat today and most of last week, as you know, we were in the Annual Engineers' Meeting.

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From: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 11:28 AM
To: Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>; Nguyen, Kim <FTA>
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Subject: RE: honolulu Status?

All,

I have talked to Toru and clarified that the spur to the airport is something that is being presented to the public as a project after the first phase is completed so we should not assume that it will be part of our project, nor should the PMO when they perform the cost review. Having said that, the alignment that serves the airport still remains as an option being considered in PE. Obviously if that airport alignment is chosen over Salt Lake Blvd, the spur to the airport no longer becomes relevant.

Nadeem's request reiterates mine of last week - we need a decision from TPM-20 on the cost review timing. If that has been scheduled, I'd also reiterate Nadeem's request that the SOW be circulated to the team. Kim: please coordinate with TPM staff and let us know what is happening.

Thanks,
Ron

-----Original Message-----

From: Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>

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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 11:19 AM

To: Nguyen, Kim <FTA>

Cc: Luu, Catherine <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>; Matley, Ted <FTA>; Rogers, Leslie <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>; Zakel, Anthony <FTA>; Day, Elizabeth <FTA>; Ryan, James <FTA>; James, Aaron <FTA>; OConnor, Mike <FTA>; Fisher, Ronald <FTA>; Carranza, Edward <FTA>

Subject: RE: honolulu Status?

Kim: Please let me know what is being done to initiate the risk assessment for Honolulu. Last week I was informed that a task order would be issued this week to get this going. I would like to review the works scope, level of effort, task duration and what specific data will be requested from the grantee. If a team discussion is being considered, please let me know as well. Thanks.

Nadeem S. Tahir, P.E., CCM.

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From: Carranza, Edward <FTA>

Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2008 7:29 AM

To: Fisher, Ronald <FTA>

Cc: Luu, Catherine <FTA>; Marler, Renee <FTA>; Matley, Ted <FTA>; Rogers, Leslie <FTA>; Sukys, Raymond <FTA>; Nguyen, Kim <FTA>; Zakel, Anthony <FTA>; Day, Elizabeth <FTA>; Ryan, James <FTA>; James, Aaron <FTA>; OConnor, Mike <FTA>; Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>

Subject: RE: honolulu

FYI to our New Starts team leader and members for this project. Ray appropriately reminded the Honolulu folks yesterday of the importance to not lose sight of the need to resolve any outstanding modeling issues as well. They stated they plan on visiting with Jim R on this very subject.

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From: Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>

Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2008 7:14 AM

To: Carranza, Edward <FTA>

Subject: Re: honolulu

They mentioned 4 or 5 products technical capacity, cost risk etc. I will get clarification. Not sure it is bah. Could be someone else. Will find out.

----- Original Message -----

From: Carranza, Edward <FTA>

To: Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>

Sent: Thu Jun 12 09:43:40 2008

Subject: Re: honolulu

Nadeem: Thanks for following up. We'll advise the grantee soon. Are we going with BAH as the risk assessor, or another PMOC? Also, do we know what element of PG-40 we are going to scope for this portion of the risk assessment? In other words, do we know what we want, and what more we expect from our grantee to support our PMOC's review effort. And finally, note that when several staffers from Honolulu were here yesterday as I mentioned to you, they told us they plan on submitting to us for review their steel wheel, Salt Lake, 19.5 mile project alignment DEIS in early August 2008. We together thought that maybe we invite our grantee and our PMOC to SF later in August to hear our grantee present to us the key elements of the DEIS and discuss other project readiness issues to support their upcoming request to enter into PE by this coming fall. You may want to give Cathy/Frank/Justine/Kim/Tony a heads up of this probable "quarterly like" meeting. Maybe Kim and/or Tony can make it here. Also, we need to be far enough along, thus the need to expedite, this risk assessment effort to support our PE approval process. We can get Cathy and Ted together in July to coordinate the agenda, 18th floor conference timing, etc, etc. Please pass on, and we'll see you guys back from DC on Monday.

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From: Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>

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To: Carranza, Edward <FTA>
Sent: Thu Jun 12 09:20:44 2008
Subject: Re: honolulu

Talked to tony w/ cathy. They have decided to proceed with risk analysis and kim will issue task order on monday. We will work with her to expedite.

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From: Carranza, Edward <FTA>
To: Tellis, Ray <FTA>; Zakel, Anthony <FTA>
Cc: Barros, Philoki <FTA>; Davis, Jeffrey <FTA>; Hunt, John <FTA>; Lee Lorenzo, Charlene CL <FTA>; Luu, Catherine <FTA>; Lyubovny, Alla <FTA>; Rogers, Leslie <FTA>; Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>; Kalt, William <FTA>
Sent: Wed Jun 11 11:34:24 2008
Subject: FW: Technical Expectations of the PMOC

My Lord! This presentation does hit the nail on the head, and supports many of our topics we discussed Monday afternoon in our pre-meeting session.

Tony: This is excellent, and reflects several of the "expectations" we aired within our own Region IX "TOM/PMOC Huddle" last year if you recall. I left you a long winded voicemail with a couple of thoughts from this end, and I'll miss hearing this presentation. Have a great meeting!

From: Tellis, Ray [mailto:Ray.Tellis@fhwa.dot.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2008 9:21 PM
To: Carranza, Edward <FTA>; Tahir, Nadeem <FTA>
Cc: Rogers, Leslie <FTA>
Subject: FW: Technical Expectations of the PMOC

Ed/Nadeem:

This presentation is good for discussions on the management of the PMOC contracts for Region 9. Too bad we didn't have it in time for our pre-engineer's meeting conference call. Please share as appropriate.

Thanks.

Ray

----- Original Message -----

From: Zakel, Anthony <FTA>
To: Bell, John <FTA>; Hopson, Melody <FTA>; Herre, Susan <FTA>; Tellis, Raymond <FTA>
Cc: Reese, Gertrina <FTA>
Sent: Tue Jun 10 14:13:33 2008
Subject: Technical Expectations of the PMOC

Attached is the presentation on the discussion panel for Technical Expectations of the PMOC. The panel discussion format will be similar to last year, so please come up with some questions/answers to engage the audience in a dialogue of the attached issues, as well as any other issues you may have regarding this matter. Thanks, and see you tomorrow.

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